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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF MALAYSIAN REP ON NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

1. AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON I GAVE JULY 21 FOR DEPARTING  
DEP PERM REP AJIT SINGH OF MALAYSIA, SINGH TALKED ABOUT  
PROSPECTS FOR COLOMBO SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.  
HE IS GOING HOME FOR ASSIGNMENT WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS  
HAS TO DO WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPECTS  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.  
HE HAS ATTENDED MOST NA CONFERENCES AND HAS ALREADY  
BEEN ASSIGNED TO GO TO COLOMBO FOR SUMMIT MEETING.

2. SINGH EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COLOMBO SUMMIT WOULD NOT  
BE SO CONCERNED WITH ISSUES OF THIRD WORLD SUBSTANCE  
WHICH HAD TRADITIONALLY RECEIVED EMPHASIS IN EARLIER  
MEETINGS. HE COMMENTED THAT SUMMIT WOULD BE SO INVOLVED  
WITH INTERNAL DISPUTES AND INTRA-NAM PROBLEMS THAT  
THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.  
HE MENTIONED TIMOR, WESTERN SAHARA AND MIDDLE EAST  
AS EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ON WHICH THERE WOULD BE STRONGLY  
HELD VIEWS AND INTERNAL FIGHTS. INDIA WOULD TAKE STRONG  
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POSITION AGAINST OBSERVER STATUS APPLICATIONS OF PHILIPPINES

AND ROMANIA TO PREVENT A PRECEDENT WHICH COULD BE CITED IN FAVOR OF PAKISTAN. TREATMENT OF CYPRUS WOULD CAUSE SOME CONTENTION. HE THOUGHT VIETNAMESE WOULD BE RECEIVED AS HEROES AGAIN THIS YEAR, BUT PREDICTED THEIR NOVELTY WOULD WEAR OFF BEFORE TOO LONG.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, SINGH EXPRESSED BELIEF THERE WOULD BE NO MAJOR MOVE AT COLOMBO LOOKING TOWARD EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. HE ARGUED THAT FAILURE TO MAKE THAT A MAJOR ISSUE AT RECENT MEETING IN MAURITIUS WAS INDICATION THAT NO STRONG PRESSURE WAS TO BE EXPECTED IN COLOMBO. HE DID NOT FORESEE MAJOR ANTI-ISRAEL REACTION ARISING FROM ENTEBBE OPERATION, SINCE MOST AFRICANS WERE EMBARRASSED OVER HAVING HAD TO DEFEND AMIN.

4. ON OTHER HAND, HE THOUGHT PUERTO RICO QUESTION WOULD BE ACTIVE AT COLOMBO BECAUSE OF CUBAN INSISTENCE. HERE YUGOSLAVIA WOULD WORK AGAINST CUBA. SINCE SINGH HAS MADE A STRONG POINT OF NAM'S DEVOTION TO NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, AND HAD ARGUED STRONGLY THAT THAT PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE UPHELD WITH RESPECT TO INDONESIA'S ACTION ON EAST TIMOR, I MADE POINT OF EXPRESSING STRONG HOPE THAT NAM SUMMIT WOULD REMEMBER ITS DEVOTION TO NON-INTERVENTION WHEN IT CAME TO QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO.

5. IN SINGH'S VIEW, KOREAN QUESTION WOULD RECEIVE MAJOR TREATMENT AT COLOMBO; YUGOSLAVS WOULD WORK HARD FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION. SINGH SAID HE HAD STRONG IMPRESSION THAT NORTH KOREANS WERE TURNING MORE AND MORE TO CUBA AND RELYING LESS ON ALGERIA THAN PREVIOUSLY. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHO WAS FLOOR MANAGER FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION IN UNGA CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION THIS FALL, AND WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT CUBA WOULD TAKE OVER THAT ROLE.

6. SINGH SAID THERE WERE ALREADY PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE AT COLOMBO. SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT HAD BY NO MEANS FORGOTTEN THE NORTH KOREAN CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES IN SRI LANKA FIVE YEARS AGO. HE DESCRIBED PM BANDARANAIKE AS HAVING PARTICULARLY STRONG FEELINGS AND LONG MEMORY WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREANS. NOW DPRK WAS TRYING TO MAKE KIM IL-SONG'S ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO SUMMIT DEPENDENT ON RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN COLOMBO. PERHAPS PM BANDARANAIKE WOULD BE JUST AS HAPPY IF KIM IL-SONG DID NOT ATTEND. BECAUSE OF BAD

MEMORIES, SRI LANKA AS A HOST COUNTRY WOULD TRY TO  
PLAY DOWN PROMINENCE OF KOREA ISSUE. BAD BLOOD  
BETWEEN SRI LANKA AND NORTH KOREA COULD BE HELPFUL  
FACTOR IN LIMITING NORTH KOREAN INFLUENCE AT COLOMBO.

7. COMMENT: SINGH HAS BEEN HELPFUL SOURCE ON NA  
ACTIVITIES AND IS LARGELY SYMPATHETIC TO US POINT OF  
VIEW ON ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US. HE IS QUEIT  
INDIVIDUAL, HOWEVER, AND RATHER RETIRING; HE CANNOT  
BE COUNTED ON TO PLAY VIGOROUS ROLE. HE READILY ADMITS  
THAT MODERATES, WHILE THEY MAY BE IN MAJORITY AT NAM  
MEETINGS, ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE PUSHED INTO APPROVAL  
OF RADICAL POSITIONS BY THE MILITANTS.  
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